

Response under 37 CFR 1.116 – Expedited Procedure

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In the claims:

1(previously presented). A method for providing property management services, comprising:

generating call parameter information in a client network;

generating call cost information as a function of the call parameter information in a service provider network; and

generating charge information for an account as a function of the call cost information in the service provider network.

2(previously presented). The method according to claim 1, wherein the call parameter information generated in the client network is transmitted to the service provider network.

3(currently amended). The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the call cost information and the charge information generated in the service provider network is transmitted to the client network.

4. (original) An internetwork for providing property management services, comprising:
a client network; and
a service provider network, characterized in that the client network transmits to the service provider network a call parameter for a completed call, further characterized in that the service provider network determines call cost information for the completed call based on the call parameter and transmits the call cost information back to the client network to charge the cost to an account.

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5. (original) The internetwork of claim 4, characterized in that the call parameter is transmitted over at least part of the client network on a serial link.

6. (original) The internetwork of claim 4, characterized in that the call parameter is transmitted over at least part of the service provider network on a serial link.

7. (original) The internetwork of claim 4, characterized in that the call parameter is transmitted between the client network and the service provider network over a wide area network.

8. (original) The internetwork of claim 7, wherein the wide area network is a public internet.

9. (original) The internetwork of claim 4, characterized in that the call cost information is transmitted over at least part of the client provider network on a serial link.

10. (original) The internetwork of claim 4, characterized in that the call cost information is transmitted over at least part of the service provider network on a serial link.

11. (original) The internetwork of claim 4, characterized in that the call cost information is transmitted between the client network and the service provider network over a wide area network.

12. (original) The internetwork of claim 11, wherein the wide area network is a public internet.

13 – 21 (cancelled).

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22. (original) In a system including a client network coupled to a service provider network over a wide area network, a method for providing property management services comprising the steps of:

generating at the client network a call parameter for a completed call;
transmitting to the service provider network the call parameter;
determining at the service provider network call cost information for the completed call based on the call parameter; and
transmitting the call cost information back to the client network to charge the cost to an account.

23. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of transmitting the call parameter comprises the step of transmitting the call parameter over at least part of the client network on a serial link.

24. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of transmitting the call parameter comprises the step of transmitting the call parameter over at least part of the service provider network on a serial link.

25. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of transmitting the call cost information comprises the step of transmitting the call cost information over at least part of the client network on a serial link.

26. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of transmitting the call cost information comprises the step of transmitting the call cost information over at least part of the service provider network on a serial link.

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27. (original) The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of transmitting a property management command to the client network.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the property management command includes a command to activate the account.

29. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the property management command includes a command to de-activate the account.